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REGIONAL COOPERATION

Benin, Chile, Ethiopia, Guinea, Mexico, Nigeria and Togo:

draft resolution

Strengthening the role of the regional commissions

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1992/43 of 31 July 1992, as well as General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 45/264 of 13 May 1991, 46/145 of 17 December 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992,

Noting with satisfaction the recommendations made by the regional commissions, in response to General Assembly resolution 46/235, to strengthen their effectiveness, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, 1/

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation, 2/ including the account of steps being taken to decentralize functions and responsibilities to the regional commissions in order to strengthen the regional presence of the Organization and to enhance its effectiveness,

1. Reaffirms its support for decentralization as a continuing process to achieve a more effective distribution of responsibilities and tasks between global and regional entities in the economic, social and related field;

2. Endorses the measures taken by the Secretary-General to strengthen the work of the Organization at the regional level, and urges him to continue his efforts in that direction, as appropriate;

3. Recommends to the General Assembly that, in resuming its consideration of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, it adopt the recommendations made by the regional commissions for the strengthening of their effectiveness in order that they may play a greater role, including coordination among United Nations organizations and entities at the regional level under the authority of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

Notes

1/ A/47/534.

2/ E/1993/85.